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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 13105

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINR, EAID, CG, BE  
SUBJECT: THREATENED DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH BRUSSELS

REF: BRUSSELS 13045 (NOTAL)

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD US JULY 5 THAT AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET, NOW ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOROCCO, RAISED WITH KING HASSAN THE PROBLEM OF THREATENED ZAIRIAN DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH BELGIUM, HASSAN TELEPHONED MOBUTU AND TOLD HIM IT WAS A BAD IDEA.
2. JAENEN ALSO TOLD US THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR RITTWEGER DE MOOR MET IN KINSHASA JULY 4 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA ON THE STATE OF BELGO-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS AND MADE AN APPROACH ALONG THE LINES REPORTED IN REFTEL. RITTWEGER REPORTED THAT UMBA MADE THE USUAL GOZ POINTS ABOUT CURTAILING ZAIRIAN OPPOSITIONIST ACTIVITIES IN BELGIUM BUT SAID THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS "FRIENDLY".  
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ON THE BASIS OF THIS POSITIVE MEETING WITH UMBA, RITTWEGER RECOMMENDED THAT A FURTHER MEETING WITH MOBUTU IS NOT NECESSARY.

3. FROM JAENEN'S VIEW POINT, ANOTHER PERIODIC BELGO-ZAIRE BLOW-UP, IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF ZAIRIAN EXILE ACTIVITIES IN BELGIUM ALWAYS PLAYS A PART, IS NOW VIRTUALLY OVER.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR MOBUTU TO FIND SOME SORT OF  
FACE-SAVING DEVICE.

4. JAENEN EXPRESSED BELGIAN APPRECIATION FOR U.S. AND  
MOROCCAN HELP IN KEEPING THIS MOST RECENT INCIDENT FROM  
GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AND DAMAGING WESTERN INTERESTS  
IN ZAIRE. CHAMBERS

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